

QA-560
Hall Farm Point
Queenstown vicinity, Queen Anne's County

Constructed 1936
Privately owned

SUMMARY DESCRIPTION

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SUMMARY STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Arthur? see text
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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic	Hall Farm Point (preferred)
other	Arthur W. and Emmett B. Bryan House

2. Location

street and number	East Side Bennett Point Road	— not for publication
city, town	Queenstown	<u>X</u> vicinity
county	Queen Anne's	

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name	William K. and Laura B. Blaylock				
street and number	1353 Westmoreland Avenue			telephone	(757) 489-7336
city, town	Norfolk	state	VA	zip code	23508-1320

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc.	Queen Anne's County Circuit Court	liber	SM 1352	folio	617
city, town	Centreville	tax map	66	tax parcel	14
				tax ID number	05-001927

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
☐ Other: _____

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
_____ district	_____ public	_____ agriculture	Contributing
<u> X </u> building(s)	<u> X </u> private	_____ commerce/trade	Noncontributing
_____ structure	_____ both	<u> X </u> recreation/culture	_____ buildings
_____ site		_____ religion	<u> 2 </u>
_____ object		_____ social	<u> 0 </u>
		_____ transportation	<u> 0 </u>
		_____ work in progress	<u> 0 </u>
		_____ unknown	<u> 2 </u>
		_____ vacant/not in use	<u> 0 </u>
		_____ other:	<u> 0 </u>
			Total
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
			<u> 0 </u>

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

Hall Farm Point occupies a small point on the west bank of the Wye River south of Queenstown in Queen Anne's County. The property consists of a 1936 Colonial Revival residence and garage on a 5.22-acre lot. The house and garage stand on a bluff over the Wye River and are surrounded by mature oak trees. The house is oriented so that its living room windows on the east elevation face the River. Hall Farm Point is approached by a long, straight, dirt lane leading east from Bennett Point Road. Agricultural fields and a recent allee of cedar trees border the lane.

Hall Farm Point is a 2-story, 3-bay, wood-frame Colonial Revival residence. It rests on a concrete block foundation and has wood weatherboard with cornerboards. The wood shake, side-gable roof has vergeboards and a boxed cornice with returns. An exterior brick chimney stands in the center of the east (side) elevation. Main entry is in the center bay of the south (front) elevation and consists of a 6-panel door flanked by 4-light sidelights and fluted pilasters. The 8/8 wood windows have flat surrounds and batten wood shutters. A front porch extends the full width of the south elevation. The porch has a concrete-block pier foundation, square wood posts, a beadboard ceiling, and a hipped, wood-shake roof. A 1-story pantry and entry porch extends from the west end of the north (rear) elevation.

The first floor interior has a center passage with a stair, a living room on the south, and a dining room and kitchen on the north. Finishes include tongue-and-groove floors, flat baseboards, door surrounds, and window surrounds, and plain plaster walls and ceilings. The stained wood doors retain their original brass hardware. The single run stair has a turned newel and balusters. The fireplace mantel is mass-produced. On the second story are four bedrooms and a bathroom.

A 2-bay garage stands northwest of the house. The garage has a poured concrete foundation, wood board-and-batten siding, and a standing-seam metal catslide roof. The garage bays on the south elevation have double beadboard doors. There are 6/6 wood windows on the east and west elevations.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____

Specific dates 1936 (construction) **Architect/Builder** unknown

Construction dates 1936

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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RESOURCE HISTORY AND SIGNIFICANCE

Hall Farm Point was constructed in 1936 by brothers Emmett B. and Arthur W. Bryan. Deeds describe the property as "part of Sportsman's Hall, or Hall Farm." Those names refer to a larger agricultural property that Fannie Price Bryan (mother of Emmett and Arthur) inherited from her father, William J. Price, in 1916. Laura Blaylock, grand niece of the Bryan brothers, currently owns and is renovating the property.

The Bryans were a native Queen Anne's County family. The widowed Fannie Bryan moved her family to Baltimore between 1900 and 1910. The 1930 census lists Arthur Bryan as a real estate agent living in Baltimore with his mother and another unmarried brother. It lists Emmett Bryan as an insurance agent in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, however the 1936 deed describes Emmett as a resident of Baltimore City.

Hall Farm Point served as a vacation home for the brothers during a time when recreation on the Eastern Shore boomed. Hunting and fishing were mainstays of the native population of Queen Anne's County, however during the early 20th century, sportsmen flocked to the region for recreational expeditions. At the same time, Baltimoreans, Philadelphians, and New Yorkers, among others, bought or constructed vacation houses along the Eastern Shore's picturesque rivers. Hall Farm Point represents the middle of the spectrum of these vacation houses, which range from 1- and 2-room fishing shacks and hunting lodges to elegant estates. Hall Farm Point is a comfortable, unpretentious house that served as a getaway for two Eastern Shore natives turned city businessmen.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Conversation between Julie Darsie and Laura Bryan Blaylock. September 3, 2005.
Queen Anne's County Circuit Court. Land Records Book SM 1352, Folio 617.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 5.22 acres
Acreage of historical setting 5.22 acres
Quadrangle name Queenstown

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundary for Hall Farm Point is the same as the boundary for Queen Anne's County Tax Map 66, Parcel 14. The parcel, which encompasses 5.22 acres, was conveyed to Arthur W. and Emmet B. Bryan by Fannie P. Bryan in 1936.

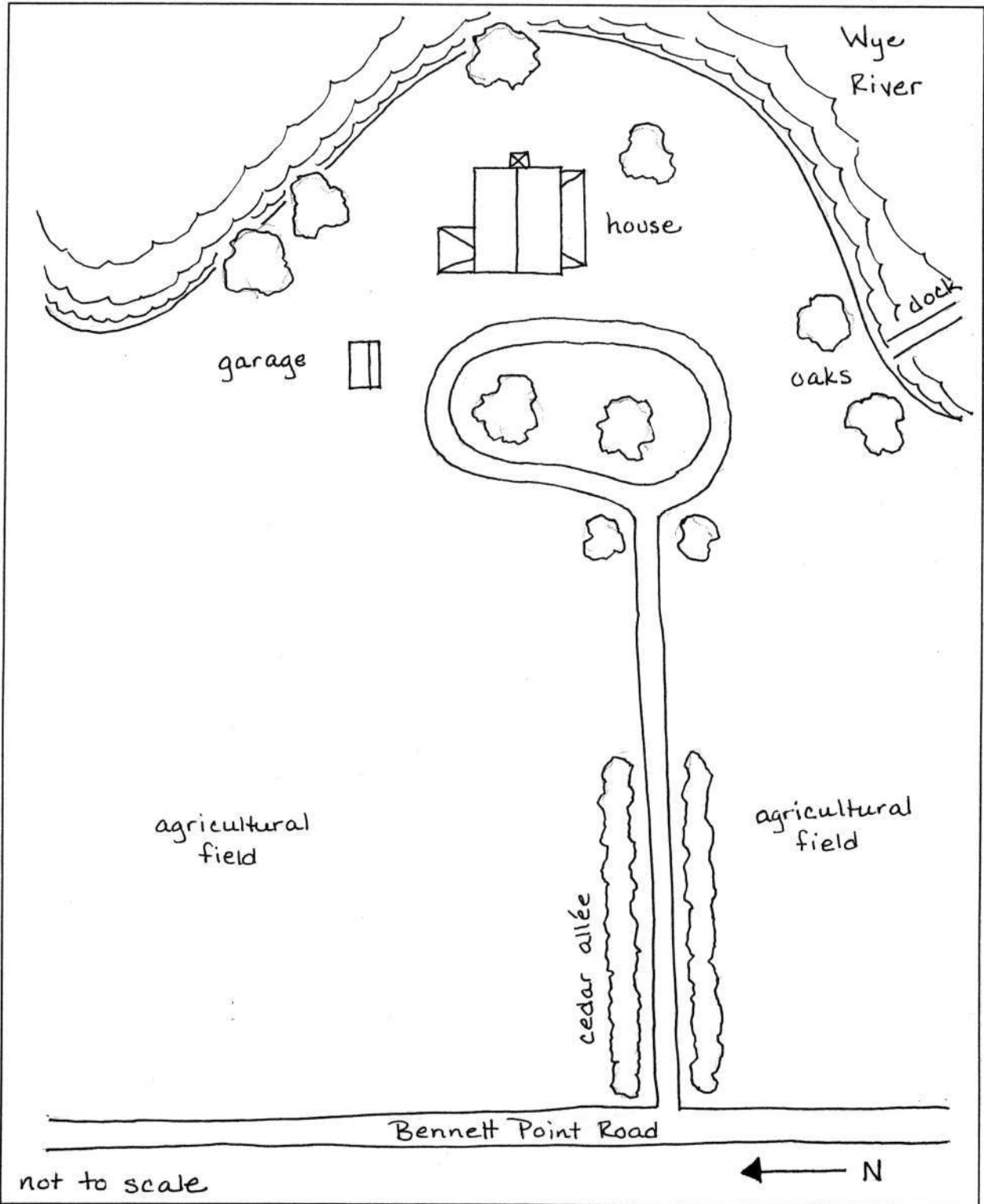
11. Form Prepared by

name/title	Julie Darsie		
organization	Betty Bird & Associates LLC	date	September 2005
street & number	2607 24 th St. NW, Suite 3	telephone	(202) 588-9033
city or town	Washington, District of Columbia	state	N/A

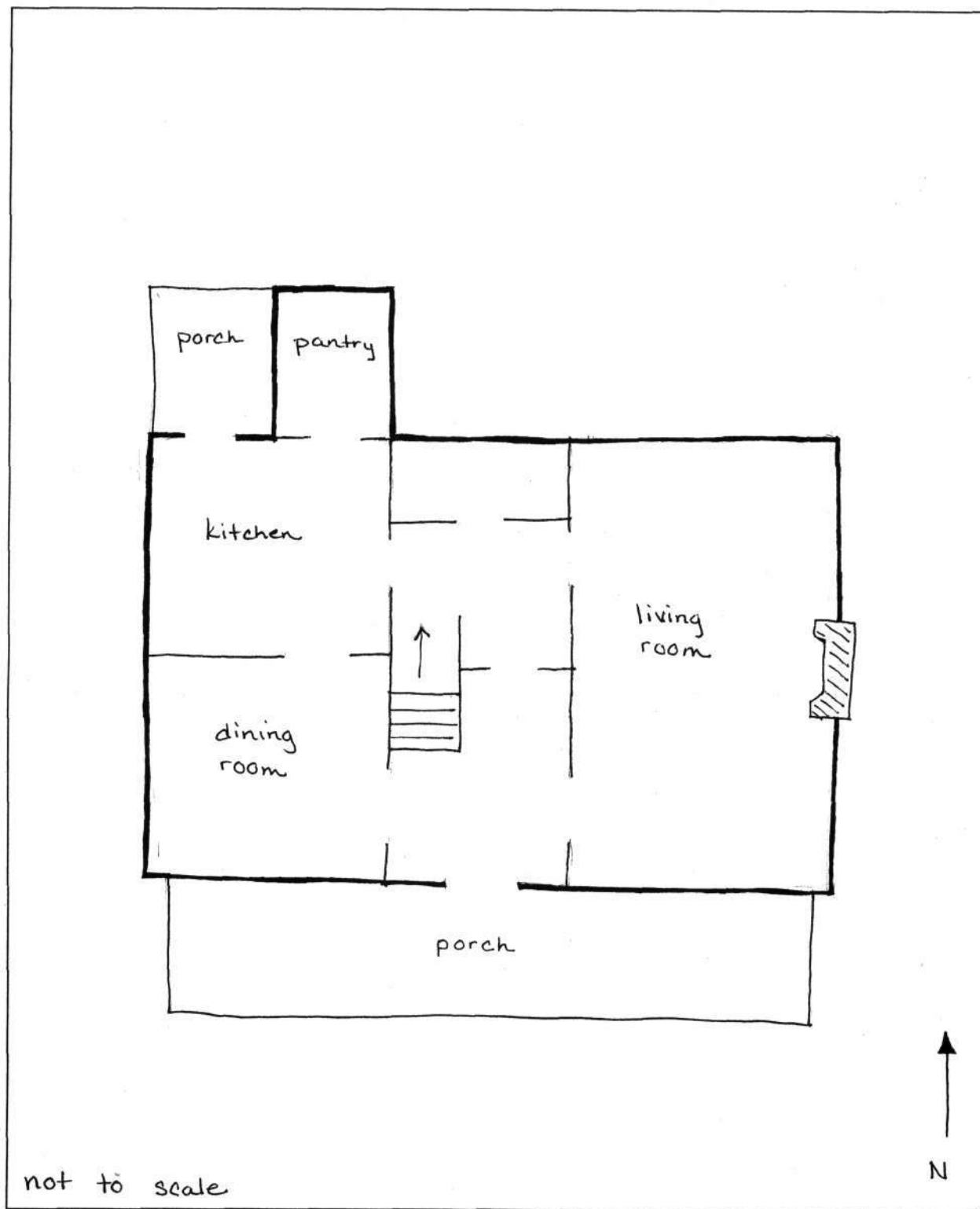
The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

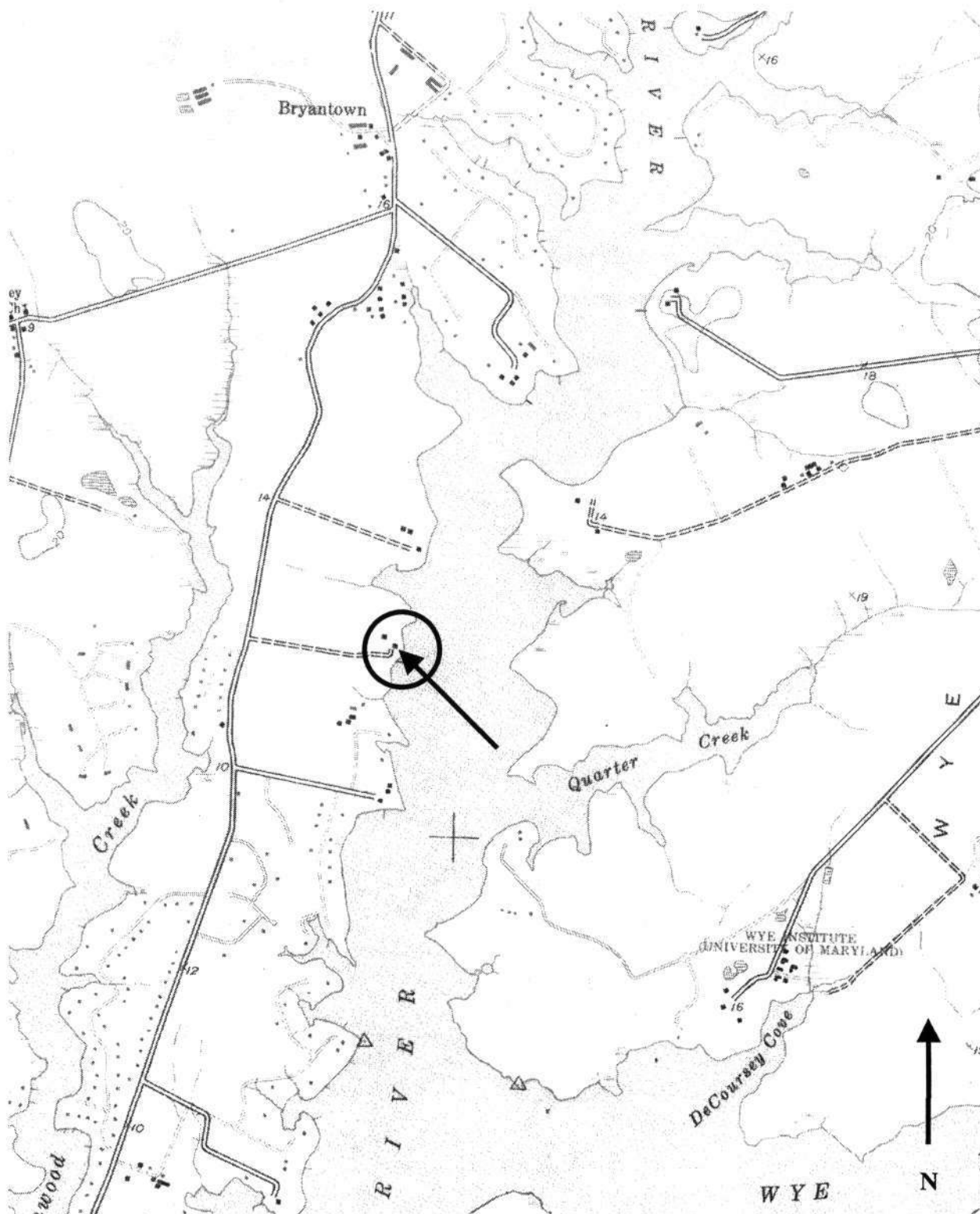
return to: Maryland Historical Trust
DHCD/DHCP
100 Community Place
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
410-514-7600



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Floor Plan
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Queenstown vicinity, Queen Anne's County, Maryland

Queenstown, Maryland Quadrangle (1:24,000)



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Front (south) elevation, view from SW.

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Front (south) elevation, view from south,
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East elevation, view from SE

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East and north elevations, view from NE.

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North and west elevations, view from NW

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First Floor interior, view to NE from stair hall into living room,

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Garage, View from SE

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